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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FY 1978 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
FOR PL-480, TITLE I - DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT

1. THE MISSION WAS INFORMED THAT A SUPPLEMENTAL TITLE I
APPROPRIATION REQUEST WAS UNDER PREPARATION IN ORDER THAT
INDONESIA'S REQUEST FOR 100 THOUSAND TONS OF RICE (\$35
MILLION) MIGHT BE MET IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THE
SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO OMB JUSTIFYING
THE INDONESIAN REQUEST AND THOSE OF SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES
ON BOTH GENERAL DEVELOPMENTAL AND FOREIGN POLICY GROUNDS.
HOWEVER IT HAS BEEN CLEAR SINCE LAST FALL THAT THERE IS
VERY CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE WHITE HOUSE IN MAKING
PL 480 PROGRAMS A MORE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENTAL TOOL.

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THUS WHILE THE PROSPECTS FOR APPROVAL OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION ARE UNCERTAIN, THE CHANCES FOR APPROVAL
WOULD BE ENHANCED IF NEW TITLE I PROGRAMS COULD BE LINKED
MORE CLOSELY TO BROADER OVERALL EFFORTS AND COMMON DEVE-
LOPMENTAL OBJECTIVES.

2. MISSION IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THE RAPID AND EXCEL-

LENT RESPONSES TO RECENT REQUESTS ON DEVELOPMENTAL JUSTIFICATION FOR PL 480 AND JAKARTA'S 4423 WAS PARTICULARLY

HELPFUL. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN ADDITIONAL TITLE I APPROPRIATION THIS YEAR FOR INDONESIA, EVIDENCE THAT THE GOI WOULD COMMIT THE LOCAL CURRENCY PROCEEDS TO A PRIORITY PROGRAM FOR RURAL/AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE HELPFUL. THE TOUCHSTONE APPEARS TO BE AN INDICATION OF INCREMENTAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT -- EITHER NEW PROJECTS/PROGRAMS REFLECTING SOME POLICY INITIATIVES, OR PROJECTS/PROGRAMS WHICH GOI BUDGET RESTRAINTS HAVE UNTIL NOW PREVENTED FROM IMPLEMENTATION -- WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM THIS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION. BAPPENAS AND THE RESPONSIBLE GOI DEPARTMENTS CERTAINLY SHOULD HAVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS "IN THE PIPELINE" THAT SUIT THESE CRITERIA, PARTICULARLY AS REPELETA III IS IN PREPARATION.

3. YOU ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO TAKE UP THIS MATTER URGENTLY WITH A HIGH LEVEL GOI OFFICIAL (E.G. WIDJOJO IF APPROPRIATE). MISSION SHOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH GOI TO FORMULATE, IF POSSIBLE, PROJECT SUPPORT PROPOSALS, WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY THIS SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION, TO BE CABLED TO WASHINGTON AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE THIS WEEK. YOU MAY WISH TO INDICATE ORDER OF PRIORITY OF PROPOSALS BUT WE WOULD IN ANY CASE LIKE TO HAVE ALTERNATIVES TO CHOOSE FROM
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